## Rep. Tom O'Halleran

# 2020 TELEWORK Report



# **BY THE NUMBERS**

**25** 

Video Meetings with Stakeholder groups

85

Calls with Arizona Stakeholder groups 3

Virtual Town Halls Hosted

**27K** 

Response Letters
Sent to Constituents

106

Casework Cases
Closed

\$134K

Returned to First District Residents

40

Bills and Resolutions Cosponsored 3

Bills Introduced 9

Virtual Hearings Attended

7

Arizona Students Appointed to U.S. Service Academies 5

Unanswered Letters Sent to White House COVID-19 Task Force 145

Letters Sent to
Government Agencies
and Officials

# HIGHLIGHTS

### O'Halleran Secures Billions in Funding for Arizona Families, Health Care Workers, Veterans, Small Businesses, and Tribes

March 27, 2020 – O'Halleran voted to pass the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the third in a series of stimulus packages to address the spread of the coronavirus and the resulting negative effects on the American economy. The bill encompasses \$2 trillion in supplemental funding for hospitals and health care facilities, nutrition assistance, unemployment, small business loans, and dedicated tribal funding, and sends direct payments to eligible Americans.

#### O'Halleran Introduces Legislation to Connect Students and Families with Computers

July 6, 2020 – O'Halleran introduced the Broadband Adoption and Opportunity Act: bipartisan legislation to leverage public-private partnerships to refurbish internet-capable devices for students and underserved families through donation, lending, or low-cost purchasing programs.

#### Three O'Halleran Bills to Bolster Rural Telecommunications Infrastructure Signed into Law

March 24, 2020 – Today, three O'Halleran-led telecommunications bills that will improve broadband access in rural areas and protect our growing national telecommunications infrastructure from foreign threats were signed into federal law.

#### O'Halleran Votes to Protect Arizonans' Health Care

June 29, 2020 – O'Halleran voted to pass the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Enhancement Act, legislation to shore up the Affordable Care Act (ACA), make available plans more affordable, and strengthen protections for those with pre-existing conditions.

#### O'Halleran Secures Funding for Arizona Roads, Bridges, Schools, Broadband, Water Systems

July 1, 2020 – O'Halleran voted to pass the Moving Forward Act, sweeping legislation to rebuild our nation's crumbling infrastructure and prioritizes rural and tribal communities by expanding broadband development programs, improving water and wastewater infrastructure, promoting clean energy technologies, and funding critical fixes for our crumbling bridges and roads."

#### O'Halleran Introduces Legislation to Fund Critical Sanitation Projects in Tribal Communities

May 29, 2020 – O'Halleran introduced legislation to allocate funding for the Indian Health Services Sanitation Facilities Construction Program to construct and improve critical sanitation projects across Indian Country, which will help tribal communities access safe, clean drinking water.

#### O'Halleran Cosponsors Bipartisan Bill to Permanently Fund Land and Water Conservation Fund

June 5, 2020 – O'Halleran and a bipartisan group of House members to cosponsor the Great American Outdoors Act, legislation to fully and permanently fund the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and address priority repair needs in our national parks and other land management agencies.

#### O'Halleran Ranked Most Bipartisan Arizona House Member

May 13, 2020 – O'Halleran was ranked the most bipartisan House member in the Arizona delegation, 21st of all Members in the House of Representatives, and eighth most bipartisan Democrat in the House of Representatives by the independent Lugar Center and Georgetown University's McCourt School of Public Policy.

#### O'Halleran Secures \$23.2 Million for AZ-01 Hospitals

May 13, 2020 – O'Halleran announced over \$23.2 million in funding secured under the CARES Act and Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act by O'Halleran for hospitals in Arizona's First Congressional District, with \$14.5 million going to Flagstaff Medical Center and \$8.7 million for Tuba City Regional Hospital.

#### O'Halleran Announces Over \$2 Million in Federal Dollars Returned to First District Families

April 27, 2020 – O'Halleran announced that his office had returned a total of \$2,067,695.59 in owed benefits, backpay, and saved dollars to residents of Arizona's First Congressional District since he was sworn into Congress in 2017.

# **IN THE NEWS**

### AZ Central – <u>'Lives are at stake': Arizona's congressional caseworkers easing anxiety during coronavirus pandemic</u>

March 30, 2020 – With the deadly coronavirus pandemic sweeping across the U.S., and with restrictions on travel and commerce, the phone lines of Arizona's 11 members of Congress are ringing off the hook... Rep. Tom O'Halleran, D-Ariz., said his office has heard from people on a range of issues, from cancer patients and those needing dialysis to those worrying about a cash crunch. "Housing issues are at the forefront," he said. "The American people, the workers of America, are the ones getting hurt the most. ... In the short run, we have to make sure the American people know that we're a government that cares for them."

#### Pinal Central - O'Halleran says aid from Washington needs to speed up

April 8, 2020 – Even though most of Congress has not been in the Capitol, its members are still working, said Rep. Tom O'Halleran. O'Halleran, D-Sedona, represents Arizona's 1st Congressional District, which includes most of Pinal County. He said he's taking about eight to nine calls a day from other Congress members, constituents and local officials. Congress has already passed three bills that have been signed by President Donald Trump in an effort to get more supplies and funds flowing to medical providers and financial relief to individuals and businesses.

#### AZ Mirror - Ariz. lawmakers urge Congress: 'Help rural America' in next aid effort

May 6, 2020 – The pandemic has widened America's "urban-rural divide," according to Rep. Tom O'Halleran, a Democrat who represents the sprawling 1st District in the eastern half of the state. If Congress doesn't take drastic steps to support rural Americans, it will "once again leave rural Arizona, and rural America, behind," he wrote in a recent letter to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.).

#### AZ Daily Sun – Flagstaff and Tuba City hospitals receive federal funding

May 14, 2020 – Congressman Tom O'Halleran announced more than \$23.2 million in secured funding for two northern Arizona hospitals last week. The congressman said Flagstaff Medical Center is set to be receiving \$14.5 million, while \$8.7 million is being sent to the Tuba City Regional Hospital. "I am fighting to ensure that hospitals in rural and medically underserved communities can access the funding and resources they need to better serve patients during this global pandemic," O'Halleran said. "Areas like the Navajo Nation that have been hit hardest need our immediate attention and assistance."

#### Postal Times – O'Halleran Calls for Funding for USPS

June 12, 2020 – Today, Congressman Tom O'Halleran (AZ-01) joined 137 other House Members in a bipartisan letter to Senate leadership urging them to pass legislation providing \$25 billion in emergency grants to the United States Postal Service (USPS). Funding is desperately needed to offset USPS revenue losses as a result of COVID-19, which are now expected to total \$22 billion over the next 18 months and could force the agency to close.

### Indianz – <u>Navajo Nation thanks Congressional members for supporting CARES Act funding</u> <u>for federally-recognized tribes</u>

April 30, 2020 – Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer extend their appreciation to all of the Congressional members who have voiced their support for the Navajo Nation and other federally-recognized tribes by calling on the U.S. Department of the Treasury to immediately release \$8 billion in CARES Act funding to tribes... U.S. Rep. Tom O'Halleran: "The Navajo Nation has already waited too long and endured far too much without the funding they were promised under the CARES Act a month ago. I am calling on the Treasury to immediately disperse the \$8 billion in allocated funding to Tribes so that sovereign Tribal governments—not corporations like ANC—can address this public health emergency that continues to grow and worsen.

#### The Well News – <u>O'Halleran, A Warrior for Job Creation, Seeks Solar Energy Training for</u> Veterans

March 19, 2020 – Rep. Tom O'Halleran, D-Ariz., is no stranger to fighting to create jobs and a stronger economy for all Americans. His latest effort in this area is co-sponsoring bipartisan legislation to foster workforce training for transitioning military personnel in the growing field of solar energy.



O'Halleran meets with responders on the ground to receive updates on Mangum Fire



O'Halleran meets with Arizona community health center leadership



O'Halleran meets with Native American women business leaders



O'Halleran visits Gila River Indian Community COVID-19 Testing Site



O'Halleran speaks in Energy and Commerce Hearing on Oversight of the Administration's COVID-19 Response



O'Halleran votes on House floor to pass Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act